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Hiya Folks,

Today being Sunday - I am
keeping up yr olde schedule! -
after the very trying day that
I've put in, I would wait until
tomorrow to write, but know I
will make the schedule again
tomorrow - and will be just as
tired, so might as well write
tonight, eh? -

If this letter suddenly makes
less sense than usual - it's not
my fault. - We just turned on
our short wave radio and are
listening to Boston! - Jack Benny
just came on in a re-broadcast
and it makes the first time
in almost a year that I've heard

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him! - The other night we even heard a "Hit Parade" program, featuring the hits of different years and starring the Lucky Strike orchestra with Bee Hayne. - Boy, it sure was ~~very~~ good and the songs sure stirred lots of memories. - It's funny, but you never realize just how many memories are carried with songs. - In a philosophical mood for a moment - think music comes nearer being a language at times than words do!

Got quite a surprise today. - Some mail came in - all packages and newspapers. - And what do you know! - Got 2 packages - one from Sister with the Whitman's candy, * peanuts from Alva (?), chewing gum, and chocolate buds! - The other from Fred contained 2 big cans of peanuts (salted) on which

3! I am now munching. (already
been in the "buds"!.) Will save the
samples for tomorrow.

And the sampler reminds me -
it's not one of those I sent ~~of~~ Sister
& Mama for Christmas is it? Surely
hope not for I will be very mad
at you if it is. And besides - the
ones I sent you was supposed to
be for 2 lbs each - (I'll enclose my
receipt in case you only got one pound
and want to raise a kick) -

Just now, our radio program
has changed. - He had a little
light trouble and when the electricity
came on again, Jack Benny was
off the air. - Now we are listening
to London - a re-broadcast
"Command Performance" - Starring
Bob Hope, Frances Langford & Anna
Lee - all of whom we have had the

pleasure of seeing. - Not often we get to hear such good programs. - Usually we only get the British programs full of their propaganda.

Yesterday afternoon Don Allen and I went for a walk back in the hills - Had quite an interesting trip. - Went to visit several families he had met. - It's nice to see + talk to them in their own surroundings. They are sorta sympathetic inducing, and at the same time picturesque, all in their own surroundings. - They tell us all sorts of things that have happened to them, but aren't at all downed by their experiences.

- Well - it's getting late, - I'm getting more sleepy, and this is beginning to make less + less sense. - so - best I should sign off - maybe!?

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-- As you see - I've enclosed a large
picture like the other ones I sent
you. - This is the better pose
of the two - but - well - I won't
say more! - It does show me as
I appear most of the times so
you get an idea anyhow!

Well, - gonna sign off now.
Remember - please keep 'em crossed
and I'll be home just as soon as
conditions permit! -

Lots of Love,
Frank